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New York again, together with a
crusade against pie. The latter is a
sort of cure for consumption.

Essex County Herald.

There are about 2000 persons in France who are set down as Anarchists, and are under the constant watch of the police of the various European countries.

A Spanish matador recently wrote to a London paper to protest against the English habit of denouncing bull fights as cruel. He said the bulls were always killed in a humane manner, and as for the horses, it was a work of compassion to put an end to their existence!

The State of Washington is engaged in the task of reclaiming 1,000,000 acres of desert land within the State limits. In order to render the soil fertile it will be subjected to a thorough process of irrigation. For this purpose a canal 150 miles in length will be constructed within the next few months. Only a part of this immense tract will be irrigated at once and if the plan succeeds, as it no doubt will, it can be very easily extended. At present the land is useless, but when fertilized it will support something like 5000 families.

A curious parallel can be instituted between the President-elect and his predecessor, James K. Polk, notes Moses P. Handy in the New York Mail and Express. McKinley and Polk both sprang from the dominating Scotch-Irish race; they both served in their State Legislatures; both entered Congress young, Polk at thirty, McKinley at thirty-four; both served the same length of time, fourteen years, and they were both Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and shaped the revenue policy of their time. Polk became Speaker of the House, and McKinley barely missed it. After retiring from Congress, each became Governor of his State, and thus they had precisely the same legislative and executive experience before being elected to the Presidency.

Sixteen years have elapsed since the famous Lord Beaconsfield passed from the scenes of his earthly career, and yet the great English statesman is still without a biography. In view of the excellent position which Lord Beaconsfield occupied for so many years as Prime Minister of the greatest Nation on earth, it is strange that no one has arisen from among the number of his surviving associates to perform this service to his memory. Aside from doing honor to the illustrious dead, however, it seems that a life of the great leader should be written as a contribution to the history of England. Unless the volume makes its appearance soon many interesting incidents which ought to be incorporated in the story of his life will be overlooked and forgotten. Had d'Israeli been an American, observes the Atlanta Constitution, there would doubtless be in existence at this time no less than a dozen biographies of him, and the fact that England has waited so long to put the narrative of his career into tangible form emphasizes a marked difference between the two countries.

The whale has been described as a large ambiguous animal with no hair all over it; but, according to report, the remains of one have been discovered in the ice fields of Alaska which show traces of pubescence as copious as those displayed by the relics of the Siberian mammoth sometimes found inclosed in icebergs, which have preserved them from primeval ages. The story lacks confirmation, like the one recently put about that a North Pacific whale had swallowed Captain Warren, of Southampton, Long Island, and promptly rejected in view of the registered official measurement of the average catenae gullet, showing that it was of insufficient calibre to take in amiable seamen and barely large enough to admit his compass and tobacco box. The anatomy of the animal in Biblical times, according to the record, gave it an ampler receptivity, but modern sentiment is opposed to the idea of making the case of Jonah a precedent, as the testimony of science is opposed to giving the whale a far overcoat. Both narrations are probably fanciful, belonging in the category of ordinary fish stories, which are intended to amuse rather than convince. Only marines believe them, even when they are decked out in all the signs of plausibility, as these can in no wise said to be.

The Denver News says: Colorado has established a record for the largest relative plurality ever given to a Presidential candidate and for the largest pluralities ever given to Congressmen. The State gives about six votes to Bryan and Sewall for each vote given to McKinley and Hobart.

TO GO IT ALONE.

William Jennings Bryan and
Free Silver Abandoned.

Triple Alliance on Which the "Boy
Orator" Counted Shattered.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 12.—The triple alliance, upon which William Jennings Bryan counted to maintain him as a formidable political leader, and to carry him to power four years hence, has been shattered. The united silver forces of the democrat, populist and republican parties, which together cast 5,500,000 votes at the last election, have been split, and the leaders of the populist army of 2,000,000 voters have determined to abandon the cause of Bryan and free silver, and strike out on new issues, under other leadership.

There have been murmurs of dissatisfaction from various populist strongholds ever since the national election, but Bryan and the other democratic silverites paid little attention to them, and in Chicago and in Omaha, in his speeches of last week, the silverite champion predicted future victories for his united followers, as Williams did in Boston in his speech to the Bryan-Sewall-Williams club.

Mr. Bryan has received his first notice of the storm which was gathering about him, and Mr. Williams and the rest of the world got the first intimation of its extent in an appeal to Populist voters, which has been approved in advance by Chairman Butler and many other populist leaders throughout the country.

CRUSADE AGAINST COOLIES.

Japanese Strung up to a Tree by
White Men in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 12.—At Orangevale, a Crusade against the southeastern part of this country, a crusade against coolie labor has been inaugurated. C. G. Roos, an orchardist, employed six Japanese on his place, and late at night 15 citizens, with guns, sacks over their heads, seized the Japanese, placed a rope around the neck of each, and took them to a big oak tree. There the Japanese were strung up, and left hanging until life was almost extinct. The Japanese were then lowered, and when they revived the hanging process was repeated several times. The Japanese were then forced to march out of the settlement, and warned never to return on penalty of being hanged until dead.

Roos remonstrated against the outrage, and a rope was thrown about his neck, with a threat to hang him if he interfered or employed any but white laborers hereafter.

CHILIAN COMMISSION.

Prospect That It Will be Revived to
Settle the Few Disputes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—It is likely that by next October—after long negotiations between Secretary Olney and the Chilean minister, Senor Gana—the Chilean claims commission, which ended its existence by limitation nearly two years ago without completing its labors will be reconstituted and will assemble here to consider the remaining cases, of which 17 are American claims against Chile and two, including that for the capture and detention of the Itata, are by Chile against the United States. These constitute today the sole causes for friction between the two countries.

Will Be Ready About Aug. 1.

CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 12.—A new life-saving station will be built at Monomoy during the coming spring. Inspector Newcomb of Boston, who is in charge of this district, says the order was already passed from the department at Washington to Superintendent Sparrow to purchase land on which to place the station, and the station will be completed so the crew can occupy it about August 1.

HENRY BARNARD.
Henry Barnard, who is known as the father of American education, will on January 24, celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday at Hartford, Ct. His services to American education are greater than those of any other man. Dr. Barnard has published more than 800 pamphlets on educational topics during his lifetime. The improvement of the public schools has been his life-work.



EDITH MAY WHITE.

A young and decidedly pretty Minneapolis girl, refined, educated and of a highly respected family, is now a prisoner in Minneapolis, charged with "highway robbery." She had two companions—men—who were arrested with her. In criminal circles Edith is known as "Candy" because in the "hold-up" work she acted as a decoy. She would make the acquaintance of a man who seemed to have money and induce him to walk with her on a certain evening on a retired street. Her two confederates would meet them at an appointed place and proceed to "hold up" the couple in true western fashion at the muzzle of a revolver. The gang then met and divided. She was a member in good standing at a Baptist church, and it is said her family—now bankrupt—owns her disfigurement. She did not know of the double life Edith was living. The prisoner is only 20 years of age.

Hawaii Hopes for Annexation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—The steamship Capt. Houghton, arriving from Honolulu that Minister Henry E. Cooper has presented to the president and cabinet a full report of his trip to the United States and interviews with prominent men on Hawaiian matters. His convictions were that there would be a determination of the Hawaiian question within a year, and he regarded the prospect of annexation as excellent. No effort will be made in Hawaii to bring up the question at the present Congress, but Mr. Hatch is ready to act at the special session.

Ex-Gov. Davis of Maine Dead.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 12.—The death of ex-Gov. Daniel Franklin Davis, was a severe shock to the community and can be little else to the entire state.

Immense Banking Concern.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 12.—Articles of incorporation have been secured for what is designed to be the largest banking institution west of New York city. The concern is styled the General Trust Company of Illinois, and its capital stock is named at \$5,000,000. The incorporators named are employees in the office of the law firm of Goodrich, Vincent & Bradley.

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Matter That Will Occupy the Attention of the Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—The subject of tuberculosis will occupy much attention from the Legislature. It is claimed that the cattle of the state are free from this disease than any other eastern state, and it is not intended that this reputation shall be sacrificed by delay in dealing with tuberculosis. It is proposed to pass an appropriation to cover the deficiency which exists in the cattle commissioners' department, and then to provide enough money to cover the probable expenses of the year.

The farmers demand that, when their cattle have been condemned, they shall be paid for them within 30 days. It has been a hardship for many farmers, who have been obliged to wait for months for money with which to replace cattle killed by order of the commissioners. In 1896 the number of cattle killed by the commissioners was 202 against 79 in 1895. A large herd of cattle in Winthrop is to be tested, and it is reported that the 8,000 cows which furnish the Turner creamery with the milk from which the cream supply is obtained must all be tested without delay.

For Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The house committee on Indian affairs has completed the Indian appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year, and the measure, as agreed to, carries an appropriation of \$7,485,000. New schools are to be established at Rapid City and Chamberlain, S. D. The Dawes commission is continued, with the same appropriation as before heretofore.

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No Two-Cent Fare.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 12.—The state railway committee has passed to reduce passenger fares to two cents on the roads in Georgia. The application for lower fares was made some months ago by the Travelers' Protective Association, which is supposed to be behind the movement in Illinois for a two-cent rate.

Gunboat No. 12.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 12.—Orders have been received at the navy yard to prepare to make important alterations in Gunboat No. 12, recently constructed at Bath. The craft is to be changed into a practice vessel. The changes which are to be made by the government will cost about \$10,000.

Silver Service for the Texas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The battleship Texas has been ordered by Secretary Herbert to Galveston on Feb. 16 to receive an elaborate silver service costing about \$5,000, the money having been raised by popular subscription throughout the state. Extensive repairs upon her, which are expected to remedy all defects, have nearly been completed.

Work For Five Hundred.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 12.—After months of idleness, the Granite City steel works, on the Illinois side of the river, has resumed operation and will run day and night. Employment will be given to about 500 workmen, and the company states that it has contracts enough to keep the works going until next July.

Alaska Shaken.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 12.—Advices received here state that Alaska was shaken by two shocks of earthquakes Dec. 27. In Juneau tremors were knocked from shelves and furniture shifted about, but only trifling damage was done. The shocks were accompanied by rumbling noises, supposed to be occasioned by disturbances beneath the volcanic islands west of Alaska.

Mills Resume Operations.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 12.—Operations have been resumed by the Cambria rail mill No. 1, the 12 and 16 inch mills and the scrap mills. This will give employment to many idle men. The Cambria steel mill has been put in blast. Two hundred men will also go to work at the Johnson Company steel motor works.

Cashier Shoots Himself.

LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 12.—James M. Gosler, cashier of the Lebanon National Bank, shot himself through the head and cannot recover. His health is supposed to have been the cause of the act. His accounts are correct.

The Booth-Tuckers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Commander and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, the leaders of the Salvation Army in the United States, were received at the White House by Mrs. Cleveland. Mrs. Booth-Tucker presented Mrs. Cleveland with a special copy of the life of Mrs. William Booth, the "mother of the Salvation Army."

Cabinet Rumors.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Dispatches from Cleveland give it as a rumor that since the declaration of Gov. Dingley to enter the cabinet either ex-Gov. Long or Gov. Dwyer may be selected as the New England representative.

A Compressed Air Fund.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The Compressed Air Power Company has been organized, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The president of the company is J. B. Hoadley, and the secretary is A. H. Paget. Among the directors are W. C. Whitney, Thomas F. Ryan, William W. Cook, W. L. Elkins and Frederick S. Pearson.

THE LABOR WORLD.

Mexico has women street cleaners. Samuel Gompers was born in London. In Mexico miners get fifty cents a day. Detroit (Mich.) servant girls will organize. Organization has increased wages in Japan. Some New York dog beaters get \$7.50 a week.

Michigan vehicle makers average \$1.30 a day. Washington City has a union of colored bottlers.

English coal miners will demand ten per cent. advance. There are over 2000 enrolled members of the new American Longshoremen's Union.

The International Union of Ship Dock and River Workers has a membership of 150,000.

The Kansas City (Mo.) Council has ordered the eight-hour day to be introduced in city work.

Minneapolis (Minn.) waiters have inaugurated a series of open social and educational meetings.

The last day of the past year saw over 130,000 wage earners out of work in New York City.

In four years there has not been a labor organization that has not lost members except the cigarmakers.

An eight-hour agitation meeting of significant proportions is to be held in Boston on Washington's Birthday.

There are over 10,000 brass workers in New York City, and fully one-half of them were idle the greater part of the last year.

The Detroit Railway employees have adopted a rule that in future promotions must be made on the basis of age in the service.

The Building Trades Council of Cleveland, Ohio, has decided to demand an eight-hour day for all trades connected with that organization on and after April 1.